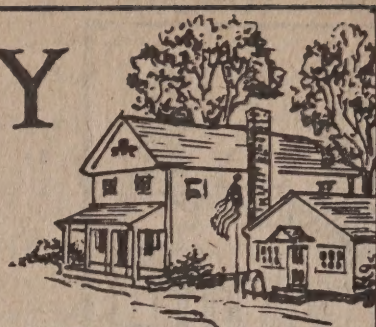




# MONTEREY NEWS



February 1982

## Peace Post Card Delivered to Washington

On February 6, Gordon Harris, Abby Seixas and Judy Bach delivered the "World's Largest Postcard for the World's Largest Problem" to the Capitol steps in Washington. They were met by Representative Silvio Conte, Senator Paul Tsongas and two aids from the office of Senator Edward Kennedy. The 7 by 11 foot card designed by Gordon Harris and penned in calligraphic lettering by Abby Seixas of Monterey calls for a halt to the testing, production and deployment of nuclear weapons and is signed by over 1500 Berkshire County citizens. Its stamp is a 2 by 3 foot portrait of the late President Eisenhower by Monterey artist Leonard Weber.

The delegation was invited to the office of Senator Tsongas, who will display the card there for the next few weeks. Tsongas, one of four senators who voted against the Defense Budget, told the group that he feels it is important to get a broad base in the disarmament move. There are many approaches to the subject and all may be useful. He plans to come to a town meeting in Gt. Barrington in the spring to speak on the issue.

Creators of the post card are looking for a permanent home for it. Ideas from local people are welcome. Meanwhile, postcards of the postcard are available at the Monterey General Store or through Abby Seixas, Box 38, Monterey (258-4586).



## Dump Study

A preliminary report on the condition of Monterey's dump indicates that haphazard disposal of waste by dump users, due in part to casual enforcement of regulations, has made it difficult and sometimes impossible for the town to meet state standards. The report was commissioned in response to state orders that the town upgrade its landfill management in order to enable nightly coverage of refuse with a layer of soil.

Brown and Associates, a Pittsfield engineering firm, have measured, mapped, probed and analyzed the parcel of land devoted to solid waste. Their goal, according to project director Tock Cyz, is a clear plan for optimum use of existing space without polluting subsurface groundwater and aquifers.

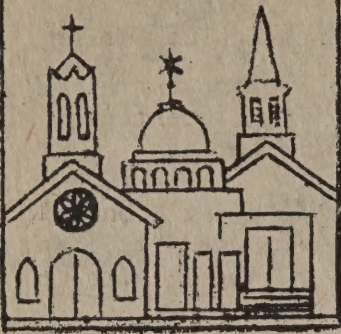
The study indicates that the town, which fills up over 36,000 cubic yards of dump space annually, could continue using the existing area for ten years or more before running out of room. Within five years, however, construction of a new concrete vault will be necessary, and at that time it may prove more economical, Cyz says, to install a trash compactor and to truck waste either to Chicopee or Pittsfield.

The final phase of the study will be completed in April, when the maximum groundwater level will be measured and water sample, taken from the well which serves the town shed, will be submitted to the state for chemical analysis. State standards require a ten foot buffer between landfill and groundwater, and the proposed plan calls for an average of twelve feet.

Cyz emphasized the importance of citizen cooperation in the town's efforts to conform to the state's requirement. Systematic recycling of glass, aluminum and newspaper will help to alleviate the problem.



## OUR CHURCHES



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#### CATHOLIC CHURCHES

##### Masses Schedule

Our Lady of the Valley, Sheffield  
Saturday - 9:00 a.m. and 5:30 p.m.  
Sunday - 7:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

Immaculate Conception, Mill River  
Sunday - 9:00 a.m.

#### UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST Worship and Regular Meetings

Morning worship each Sunday at 10:30 a.m. with childcare at same time in the Social Room. Choir rehearsal, Tuesdays, 7:30 p.m. at the parsonage. Meditation and prayer Thursdays 7:30 a.m. in the Social Room. All are invited to join us. Prayer group Thursdays 7:45 p.m. at the home of Lucy Smith.

#### Installation of Church Officers

At a brief ceremony during the Morning worship on February 7, the Officers recently elected were installed and those continuing in office were rededicated. The ceremony recognized the wide variety of talents employed in helping the Church fulfill its ministry in the community.

#### Minister Thanks Community

Dr. and Mrs. Virgil Brallier moved into their new home in the Hupi Woods area on Saturday, January 30. They had the assistance of their family who all came home for the day, and they also had the help of many in the community. Dr. Brallier reported it was one of the best moves he has had even though it was with "a wholly amateur moving crew". What may have been missing in parking and loading experience was more than made up for in the level of caring. Not only were there many helping hands, but a wonderful meal was served to the workers by a number

of people who provided good food and sustenance. Dr. Brallier described the event as a refreshing demonstration of community solidarity. He wishes to express thanks to all who helped in this enterprise and he commends the "Monterey Movers" for the high standard of excellence they set in getting them into their new home.

#### Children's Choir Sings

The Chorus from the Cathedral of St. John the Define sang during the morning worship on February 7. They were directed by Paul Halley who had the 20 plus children in his home on Lake Farm for a winter recreational weekend in the Berkshires.

#### COMMUNITY DINNER

NOTE THE CHANGE OF DAY AND DATE:  
Tuesday, February 23rd.

In some areas the day before the beginning of Lent is a happy, festive occasion, especially in New Orleans. We will carry out that theme with music and fun. You may even learn to yodel. We are fortunate to have Uther Ensted who teaches at Monument Mountain School.

#### Love That Casts Out Fear

Layers of cotton and wool  
hold back the blast  
of February.

But there is a cold  
that pays no mind  
to my warmest wrappings.

"Dear God, you who are  
Lord of the warm and cold,  
remember that I am mortal  
and would appreciate  
your layer of love  
when I face  
the  
coldest of colds."

Ruth Burkholder



The way we humans learn best is by drama. We can't see very clearly in the abstract. Only after we "act out" a belief do we really begin to see how it is. The question is how far do we have to act out a drama to see how it is going to turn out?

The world generally and the United States in particular is acting out the decision that guns are more important than bread. Our current national policy believes and it acting out the belief that guns are more important to our survival than bread in the latter quarter of the 20th century. Now we are mostly writing the script and getting the stage ready. Soon the play is to begin in dead earnest.

Do we get any hints as to what this drama will teach us? Has this story ever been acted out before on the world's stage? Do we have any clues as to the outcome? The answer to all questions is, "Yes." One would imagine that an active participant in such a drama might have learned something. One who was a general and then a president, Dwight D. Eisenhower, made this observation from his action in the drama: "Every gun that is made, every warship launched, every rocket fired signifies, in the final sense, a theft from those who hunger and are not fed, those who are cold and not clothed. This world in arms is not spending money alone. It is spending the sweat of its laborers, the genius of its scientists, the hopes of its children." So much from a past observation of the drama.

How about our current acting out of this belief? The lines are coming through clearly. The action has already begun -- even though really we are getting the stage ready for this action that is still to come. The action to dramatically increase arms expenditure is now not just a theory, but it is rapidly turning into fact. It is the principal action. Yes, and no one can dispute that there is showing up already a great increase in people who are hungry, cold and ill-clothed. It is happening to people we know. It is beginning to happen in almost all our communities. It is showing up in all parts of the country. The rate of increasing human hunger is unmistakable for anyone who has good eyes and is willing to observe what is happening.

Let me speak a word in praise of acting out what we believe. It gives us play back. It shows us -- even as we go -- what direction we are headed.

What do you think about the direction we are headed? Does it make you feel warm and glowing inside -- as if something good and right is underway? Or does it send a chill through you? How does the drama feel, having played it out thus far? Does it feel like the kind of world you have dreamed of, worked for and prayed would be? Whatever you do, don't ignore the feelings the play gives you. That is the way we do our most important learning from a drama.

Who bears responsibility for the drama? You and I do, who else? We are in the action up to the hilt. We had a national election last November. The congress and the president we elected told of the script they had in mind. They believe they have a clear mandate to make more guns and bake less bread. They are carrying out what they believe we asked them to do. They now have the stage well prepared, many of the properties are being readied, and now as a country we are getting ready to play out the script that all the way through calls for less bread and more guns.

Where is the play now? Maybe in the early stages of the first act. It is already giving strong hints as to the shape of the future. If the play is turning out different than you intended then for God's sake, for your sake, and for the sake of generations to come why don't you send a message to the director, the stage hands, and those in charge of the props that it begins to look as if we didn't understand the script as well as we thought we did. Some of us might say that we suspect it is the wrong play altogether.





On January 24, the directors held their first quarterly meeting of 1982. That Saturday the snow blew in from the south and travel from the north and east was not too difficult. We missed those who could not come but were glad to find ourselves with a good attendance. David Colt was again asked to preside. Kent Smith led the devotions. He then gave his report as Executive Director. Discussion followed and the report was accepted. Bill Pead, chairman of the finance committee, reported on that morning's meeting. Virgil Stucker presented the Treasurer's report, including the budget for the coming year. These reports were also accepted. The meeting adjourned early, so those who had to leave would have some daylight for travel.

Two new staff members came in January. One is Barbara Dierse, who comes from a town near Hamburg in W. Germany, through Action-Reconciliation. For three months before arriving, she worked in a day-care center in a Chicago church. She plans to stay here until next summer. Jane Landfield from Nyack, N.Y. is an art therapist and social worker, specializing in the care of needy children. One of her many interests is in pottery. She studied at American at George Washington Universities in Washington, D.C. Her stay at Gould Farm is indefinite.

A highly successful variety show was held in Rhinebender on the 24th. Tom Burley was Master of Ceremonies. Nurse Nanette started the ball rolling in the right direction with her fanciful lecture on personal hygiene. The program was indeed varied. There were songs by Cecily Guinan and a visiting friend accompanied by Harold Forsyth and Carol Van Ethen with her guitar. Nick Somner played a piano solo and Harold Forsyth played several including two of his own compositions. Julie Almeida played solos on her recorder. There were several skits, two by the drama group, directed

by Sally Kelly, one by Sean Kerwin and one by Dana Palmer and Clark McKee. The drama group included: Tom Tickner, Nancy Brown, Mark Slawsby, Sue Miller, Rick Sommo, Theresa Akles, Todd Beyer, Cecily Guinan, Karen Sherman and Darlene Burrell. Sean Kerwin's skit, which he wrote, included Dana Palmer as narrator and Amos Wolf, Sean, Greg Pion and Marcia Stucklen, Carol Van Ethen and Brian Fortune.

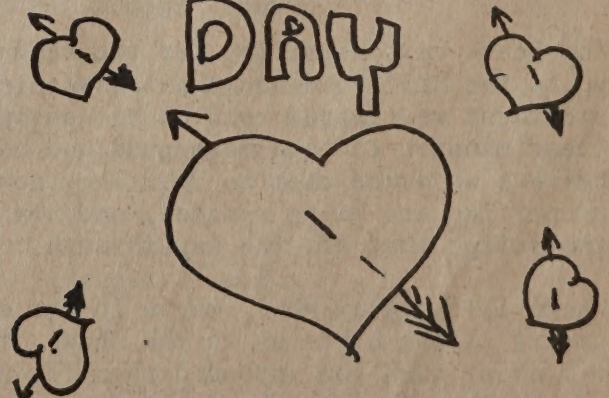
Mary Sandback read "The King's Breakfast" by A.A. Milne.

### Monterey Grange

Monterey Grange #291 met at the Hardisty home on February 4 after the business meeting. Pirate Bingo was played in charge of the worthy Master John Lossin. The next meeting will be March 3 for a Boosternight -- open to the public. There will be a State Speaker, a variety program and refreshments. Non-members welcome. Yough choir member Patricia Hardisty outlined youth projects as well as reported to the Hall and Home and Community Projects.

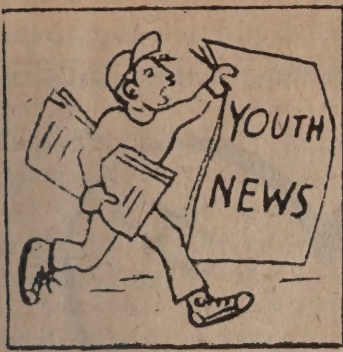
Fraternally, Mary Wallace, Lecturer

HAPPY  
VALENTINES  
DAY



Jammy Care





### Cub Scouts

The Cub Scouts finally had their Christmas party in January. They keep having to postpone it, due to the weather.

They made name favors for the blue and gold dinner at the end of February. They are working on the possibility of it being in Monterey in the church basement.

Paul Bynack earned his Bear Badge and the other boys are working toward their Bear Badges and electives toward their Arrow Points.

### Juniors

The Juniors are in the process of making puppets and planning skits to use them in.

Cookie sales begin on February 13-28th with delivery at the end of April.

### Brownies

The girls have been learning to weave. They will also visit Mrs. Lois Ryder soon to work on a Valentine project.

### Mt. Everett 7th & 8th Grade Honor Role

First Term: Grade 7 - High Honors--Randy Burkholder; Honors--Michelle Grotz, Scott Ryder. Grade 8 - High Honors--Katy Bradley

Ennis Blount was named on the fall honor roll at Berkshire School as well as the Academic Performance List.

### News from New Marlborough Central

The 4th grade class presented a program, "Christmas in Many Lands", for parents and friends on January 14th after a series of cancellations due to inclement weather. Under the direction of their teacher, Roberta Roy, the students presented traditions of Germany, England, holland, Scandinavia, Mexico and Greece. Baked goods of various countries were donated by Peter Briggs, Jaime Galarneau, 5

Jonah Gillooly, Patrick McBride and Mrs. Roy.

The tradition of the Christmas tree in Germany was presented by Tammy Amstead, Shana Stalker, Anne Marie Makuc, Leonard Bushey and Mrs. Ursula Bushey.

English traditions and a mummies play were enacted by Tom Harvey, John Candelari, Tonya Pixley, Nathan Stalker and Paul Bynack.

The tradition of St. Nicholas of Holland was explained by Jennie Brown, Nancy Phillips, Patrick McBride and Matt Seavey.

The story of St. Lucia of Scandinavia was presented by Meghan Bradley, Natasha Grotz, Stephanie Saunders and Tina White.

Sara Kern, Jessica Thorn, Anne Marie Makuc, Shana Stalker and Tonya Pixley enacted the tradition of the posada and pinata of Mexico.

Jonah Gillooly, Peter Briggs, Brinton Hodge and Jaime Galarneau talked about the Greek Orthodox Christmas.

The second marking period ended on January 22. Report cards were handed out February 2nd.

Paul Langer, Elementary Supervising Principal, gave out the Partners in Reading awards for the first and second marking periods on January 27th. The following students were awarded golden certificates for reading more than 40 books in any marking period: Colin Storti, Jennifer Stevens, Stacy Palfini, Christopher Callahan, Michael Ohman, Sean Storti, Laura Kern and Leonard Bushey. Certificates for reading more than 10 books in any marking period were given to Daniel Lowe, Jennifer Hopkins, Tiffany Stephens, Jennifer Murray, Christopher Thompson, Richard Clapp, Darlene Bushey, Rebekah Parks, Brinton Hodge and Kenneth Pratt. For reading 7 books each Sean Kerwin and Meghan Bradley were given bookmarks.

At this same time the participants in the fall Math-athon for St. Jude's Children's Hospital were presented with certificates. Those who raised more than \$25.00 were awarded tee shirts and Tonya Pixley of Grade 4, who was the high money raiser of the entire district, won a calculator for her efforts. (cont. p. 20)



## More Youth News

### Extra

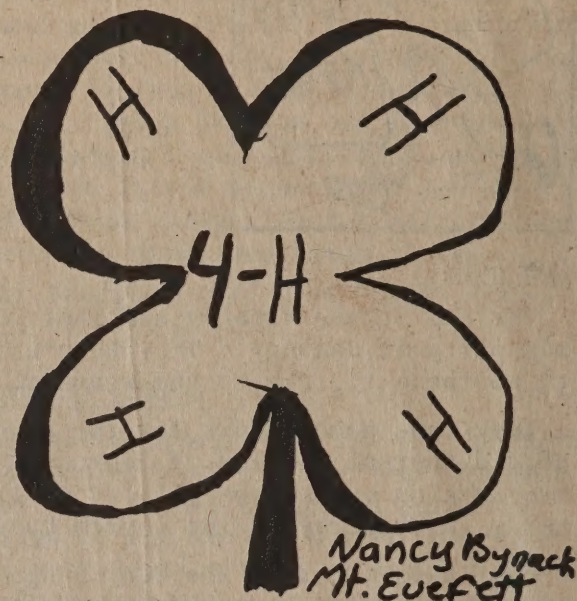
Jon Andrus of Monterey won a Certificate of Merit in the Gold Key Awards presented at the Wetsern Regional Scholastic Art Awards Show, sponsored by the Boston Globe. Other award winners were Rick Andrus and Don Whitbeck, also from Monterey. Selected for creativity and excellence in composition and craftsmanship- Jon Madea, piece of pottery, Rick a piece of wood carving and Don also made a piece of pottery.

### P.T.A. News

The week of February 15th will mark 85 years of service to children and youth for the P.T.A. Two women whose primary goal was to cultivate the practice of parenthood and to become informed allies of the social movements that promised to improve childrens' well-being were the architects, in 1897, of the National P.T.A. They were Alice McLellan Birney, a young widowed mother, New York advertising woman and author of Motherhood which expressed her philosophy of parent education, and Phoebe Apperson Hearst, philanthropist and mother of William Randolph Hearst. Her grandson, William Randolph Hearst, Jr., Editor-in-Chief of the Hearst Newspapers recently wrote: "Something as innovative as the PTA is needed now, and the best thinking we can muster should be aimed toward solving the educational problems eating at our foundations."

For 85 years National PTA has been promoting the welfare of children, lobbying in Washington to secure adequate laws for the care and protection of children and youth, working to bring parents and teachers into closer relationship and through united efforts of educators and the general public securing for every child the highest advantages in physical, mental, social and spiritual education. In an age which President Reagan has proclaimed "The age of volunteerism" it will be more important than ever before for parents, teachers and concerned citizens to band together for the benefit of our most viable natural resources, children and youth.

Judy Thompson, President, New Marlborough-Monterey, PTA



### 4-H Horse Club

The horse club members are planning to help out with the Special Olympics children at Jug End on Wednesday. They plan to hold a horse show with the Sheffield Whinnies, another horse club, in the spring or summer. Some of them are thinking of joining the Sheffield Whinnies Drill Team, because the Whinnies need new members.

### 4-H Camp Howe Position Openings and Camp

The 4-H office, 46 Summer Street, Pittsfield is now accepting applications for cabin counselor staff positions. You must be at least 18 years old. Camp will run for seven weeks from July 4 to August 21. Call the 4-H office at 448-8285 for an application. Interviews will begin at 9:00 a.m. on February 16. Other positions available include, Director and Assistant Director for Horse Program, Photography Director and Camp Nurse.

4-H Camp Howe is located on the east shore of Highland Lake in Goshen. It is a resident camp for boys and girls 8 to 15 years old. It serves more than 700 campers per season from Hampshire, Franklin, Berkshire and Hampden counties. Although many campers are 4-H members, the camp is open to all young people and welcomes youngsters of all backgrounds. For more information, call the 4-H office. Programs are open to the public without regard to race, color or national origin.

Marsha Denham, County Extension Agent in 4-H Club



# Boards and Commissions

## Assessors Report to Monterey Taxpayers

The Assessors are awaiting final approval of the recent revaluation and classification of Monterey properties. Upon certification of the process and results, the tax rate will be set and tax bills issued.

In compliance with Chapter 797 and the "Full and Fair Cash Value" requirements of the 1974 Sudbury Decision, the Assessors wish to notify all Monterey taxpayers of the following adjustments in taxable values for Monterey properties which were applicable on January 1, 1981 and are to be reflected in the tax bills for Fiscal 1982.

Values for all houses were factored up by 10%. In actual practice this means that the replacement costs of all houses were refigured by the same state manual used in 1975 and then increased by 35%. This is an increase of 10% over the past increases of 10% and 15% respectively. The refigured costs are then depreciated to a taxable value after age and condition are subtracted according to the state tables.

Because Personal Property values for second domiciles and out of state owners are considered as 10% of house values, all Personal Property values will be raised in proportion to the house values.

Other changes which may be reflected in your taxable values are the following:

- 1) Lots within the Lakeshore District, but without shorefront, have been increased in value to reflect their inclusion in the Lake Shore District rather than in the Agricultural-Residential District and their access, if any, to private beaches.
- 2) Properties with river, stream and private lake frontage have been adjusted to reflect added values from those features.
- 3) Areas of changing population density have been raised in value to note the newly paved and/or plowed roads and homesites being developed.
- 4) All properties which were divided were also refigured.

The Assessors wish to remind taxpayers that, as was the case in the 1975 revaluation, rising values reflect inflation, but the tax bill is tied to expenses incurred in Town Meeting. Because last

May's Town Meeting was very frugal, the forthcoming tax bills are expected to be about 10% less than the previous year.

The Assessors would be glad to explain these procedures and answer questions. The office is open Mon., Weds., Fri. and Sat., from 10 to 2 and the phone number is 528-1443. The Board will also schedule appointments on Tuesday nights.



Brian Rosier

## Planning Board

The Planning Board has completed its Zoning By-law revision, and will be holding a public hearing on the proposed amendments on Saturday, Feb. 27, at 10:00 a.m. in the Town Offices. The purpose of the hearing is for ideas, suggestions and reactions of townspeople to the proposed by-law changes; no amendments can become law until voted in at a Town Meeting, which will be held at a later date. Copies of the revised by-law will be posted at Walsh's, the General Store, the Roadside Store, the Post Office, and the Town Offices, and copies will be available from the Town Clerk for those wishing to take one home for closer study.

The proposed by-law which we will present at the public hearing is a thorough revision of the present Zoning By-law. In revising, our main purpose has been to make the law clearer, more consistent, and more specific, and to make it fulfill the current needs of the town. The most important changes and additions include the following:

--a section of definitions of terms used in the by-law; (continued, page 8)



Planning Board (cont. from Page 7 )

--expansion of the list of uses of the Agricultural-Residential District by Special Permit to include restaurants, commercial greenhouses, and facilities for generating power from wind, sun, and water;

--a provision allowing conversion of single-family dwellings into two-family dwellings without, under certain conditions, meeting the requirements for lot size and setback specified for multifamily dwellings;

--a decrease in the allowable maximum percentage of land covered by buildings and structures on any lot in the Lakeshore or Agricultural-Residential District;

--an increase in the minimum lot size for the Lakeshore District;

--an establishment of maximum building heights for all districts

--a regulation prohibiting disposal of hazardous chemical waste in Monterey;

--clarification of the section of the by-law which defines what building or construction requires a building permit.

As most of you know, the revision process has taken several years and much effort from numerous citizens; we are grateful to you all for your dedicated help. The Planning Board would particularly like to thank Sally Bell, Hugh Cowhig and Jerry Fenton for their legal expertise and advice, and Kenneth Clapp of Computer Services, Gt. Barrington, for his donation of time and services.

Joe Baker

Notes From the Monterey Post Office

We now have post office boxes available to rent. Anyone wishing to rent one should stop in and see us. As a reminder all box rents that are past due must be paid as postal regulations require us to close them and offer them for rent.

Use express mail for the letter or package that has to be there overnight. Ask for details.

For the stamp collector we have available the new edition of stamps and stories, 1982 mint sets, and various collector kits.



Monterey's

Post Office

Research by D. Tryon, Written by Sally Fijux

When the town of Monterey was incorporated in 1847, Wilbur C. Langdon, owner of the General Store, was appointed postmaster. The post office was situated in an area at the right as one entered the front door.

Upon the death of Mr. Langdon in 1877, his son Henry became postmaster and held that office until 1883 when William Bidwell, a partner in the store, was named. In 1895 Henry Langdon was reappointed and remained until his death in 1906.

Then Julius Miner, an assistant under Mr. Langdon, became postmaster and served until 1933 when William Martin assumed this position.

The amount of mail increased due to camps opening and parcel post and could no longer be handled in the small space allotted to it in the store. Mr. Miner had the old horse sheds torn down and an addition built which gave much more room.

On land near the bridge, Wallace Tryon built a building for the post office, then under Mr. Martin's tenure. It was occupied for several years but then moved back to the annex at the general store. The building is now a home.

Peter Phillips became postmaster in 1953 upon the retirement of Mr. Martin and was followed in 1960 by John Macluer and then Walter Parks. The building now housing the post office was erected in 1960 by Charles Slater of Tyringham who at that time was owner of the store.

Library Hours

Monday	7 - 9
Tuesday	9:30 - 12
Wednesday	3 - 5
Thursday	closed
Friday	closed
Saturday	9:30 - 12; 7 - 9



# MONTEREY



## FIRE DEPT.

DOUG BROWN

### Fire Department Report

On Saturday, January 30, the Monterey Fire Company responded to a chimney fire on Route 23 and put it out without damage to the structure.

Smoke was reported at Avalon School on Wednesday February 3 at 5:30 a.m. Despite dangerously icy roads, Engine 2 and a compliment of men responded, located the cause and corrected the floures-  
ant light ballast causing the smoke.

On Friday morning at 12:35 a.m., New Marlborough requested the assistance of the Monterey Fire Company to respond to a fully engulfed structure fire in Mill River. Engine 3 and crew were on the scene for 4 hours while a crew remained on standby at the Monterey Fire House with Engine 2.

On Saturday evening, February 2, another false alarm was reported at Avalon School.

The Monterey Fire Company would like to thank those who made generous donations in the memory of Ed Morris.

The Fire Company is sponsoring five residents taking an "Emergency Medical Technician" course in Gt. Barrington - Donald Whitbeck, Linda Whitbeck, Maynard Forbes, Wayne Dunlop and Bob Stevens.



### STORY

*Demantra Hughes is from Trinada and has recently moved to Monterey.*

It was the very first time that Alicia had ever ridden in a carriage. At the age of fourteen she was extremely excited about her journey which would take her to her beloved grandmother who lived in the country.

She boarded a regular carriage. It was a brown one with white feathers painted on the doors. The coachman was perched high on his seat holding the reins which were attached to four gray horses. With a flick of his whip the carriage jerked forward as the horses began trotting briskly.

It was a beautiful clear morning. The air was fresh and as Alicia looked out of the window, she saw a bright, colorful rainbow stretching across the sky. It made her feel carefree and joyous and she settled back in her seat to enjoy the ride.

After travelling all day, with just a brief stop for lunch under a shady oak tree, the carriage finally arrived in the town of Sussese just as it was growing dark.

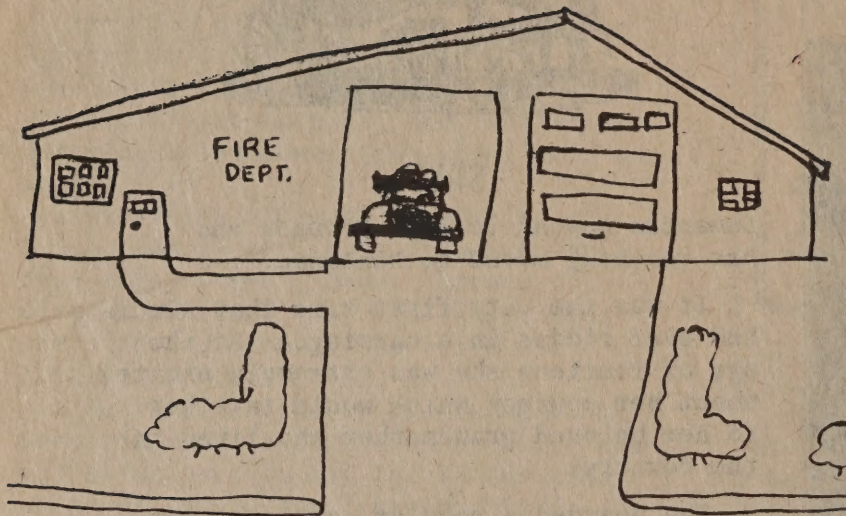
The carriage slowed its pace as it passed through the town and Alicia carefully examined each building as they were very different from the ones she had known all her life back home. However, as they continued their journey and left the brightly lit area behind them, Alicia became even more excited because she realized she would soon reach her destination.

Finally, the carriage began slowing down and looking out of the window, Alicia saw her grandmother standing on the porch of her cottage holding a lantern and waving. The carriage stopped and Alicia stepped down, paid the coachman and ran up the path into her grandmother's arms.

Demantra Hughes, Grade 6



## FIRE COMPANY REPORT



JON PECK

At our February business meeting the Monterey Fire Co. voted to accept an offer from Lee National Bank for financing to build a new firehouse at the top of the hill west of the center of town. The decision finally makes it possible to bring you the short version of a long story.

When the Fire Co. called together interested townspeople early last summer to present our plan for a new firehouse, we took a sense of support from the meeting, and were encouraged to continue from planning to building. First we mailed a direct appeal for building funds. Over 800 letters were sent, and while response has been generous, costs have

increased steadily since the mailing. Donations are still needed, always welcome. Income from the annual steak roast in July and the gravity car race in September was added to the fund while we began to explore various possibilities for complete financing.

Several routes held initial promise. In the wake of the Fire Co. collaboration with the Energy Project in staging the conservation contest in the fall of 1980, there was talk of a grant from the state energy office that would pay for solar heating components in the new firehouse. We wrote a complete grant proposal and were awarded a sum of about \$22,000, or would have been, had we been able to meet certain conditions having to do with nominal ownership of the property. The conditions seemed likely to drive up construction costs, even to the point of wiping out the obvious financial gain in the grant. We talked and thought. everybody likes a bargain, but the horse had these teeth, see... We looked into other methods of financing, which led to the organization and certification of the Fire Co.'s bookkeeping going back 5 years so we could present a coherent financial profile of the Company as a tax-exempt, non-profit corporation. When we met with the Farmer's Home Administration after completing the paperwork they needed to evaluate our project, it seemed once again that the cost was increased needlessly by bureaucratic requirements, this time to the point where the only building we could put up with FmHA funds would be one we couldn't afford. Not a better building, just more costly.

Then came the Tax Recovery Act, a recently passed federal law making it possible for a volunteer fire company that met certain requirements to borrow money which is exempt from tax on profits made by the lender. We met all the conditions of the act, so at long last financing for construction of the same energy efficient building we originally proposed became possible at a rate within reach and reason. We voted to go ahead.

Now it's on to concrete and two-by-fours --or sixes, for the extra R-value. We'll be driving nails this spring, and are still and always looking for your support. The more we can do together the less it will cost us all, and the better our building, service, and town will be. It's been awhile since last June, and there's too much effort in making these long stories short, so we'll keep you abreast of progress each month here in the News. After the weather breaks the action will be more than words; it'll be something you can see too.

Peter Murkett





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WEDNESDAY AND SUNDAY TIL 1

SERVING MONTEREY  
FOR OVER 200 YEARS



## BLUEBIRD NESTS

### A Good Nesting Box Design:

Use 3/4 inch boards. Dowel or wood strip positions removable top which is secured by 1½ inch wood screw with washer.

Entrance hole: precisely 1½" in diameter, 1-1/8 inch from top.

Sides: 4 x 10 3/4 Inch (back edge) and 9-3/4 inch (front edge)

Front: 5½" x 9-1/8 inch.

Cut corners off bottom for drainage; recess bottom ¼".

Space between top and sides allows ventilation. Top: 6½ x 7 inches. Back: 5½ x 16½ inches. Use 1-3/4 inch galvanized siding nails or aluminum nails. Bottom: 4 x 4 inches.

### Berkshire Sanctuaries

Now that you have memorized the seed catalogs, planned your garden and still see no signs of spring, why not turn your attention to bluebird box construction: With a little lumber, hardware, and a hammer you can turn out a few boxes in no time during this cold, snowy month when the evenings are still long. Boxes should be up by March for the return north of one of the loveliest and most appealing of North American birds; truly a harbinger of spring.

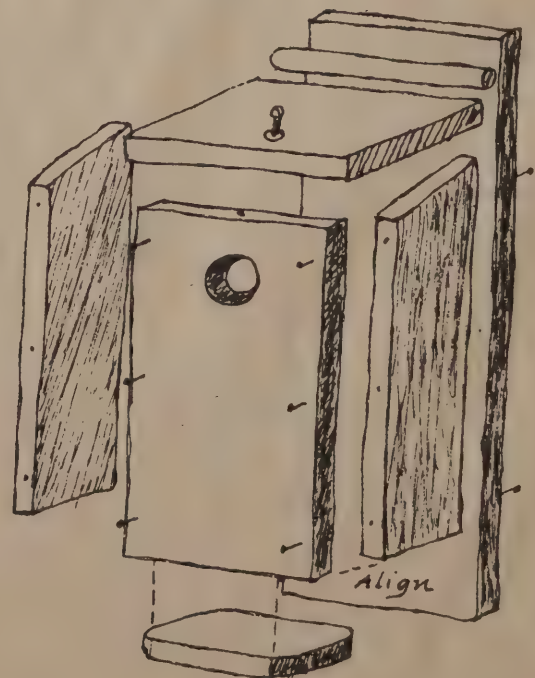
The eastern bluebird, once one of the most common and popular birds of rural America, started to decline about 50 years ago for a variety of reasons, including change of habitat, harsh winters, competition from other birds, pesticide spraying, and lack of available nesting sites. The reduction in population has been estimated at 90% but with a little effort from many, they can make a comeback. On farms and in gardens the birds have always been an asset. Much of the year their diet consists almost entirely of insects, including cutworms.

What can you do? 1.) Build a box according to the directions given. Select good habitat. 2) Open rural country with scattered trees and low sparse ground cover is best. Avoid brushy, heavily

wooded areas. 3) Avoid areas where house sparrows are abundant; a robber of nests. Some people have found that using screening for a roof instead of wood discourages all birds but the bluebird who does not mind a damp nest. 4) Mount nesting boxes three or more feet from the ground, preferably on posts or poles. 5) Face boxes in any direction but preferably toward a tree 25 to 100 feet distant. 6) Keep boxes at least 100 yards apart since the bluebird is territorial. 7) Monitor the boxes about once a week during the nesting season, if possible, and remove house sparrow nests immediately. Remove bluebird and other nests as soon as the young birds have flown. They may raise three broods. 8) Let Pleasant Valley Sanctuary in Lenox know of any nesting observed in Monterey. If your property is not suitable for boxes, there are property owners in Monterey who would welcome your efforts. I would be pleased to act as a reference for anyone. May we yet see the bluebird of happiness restored to our land.

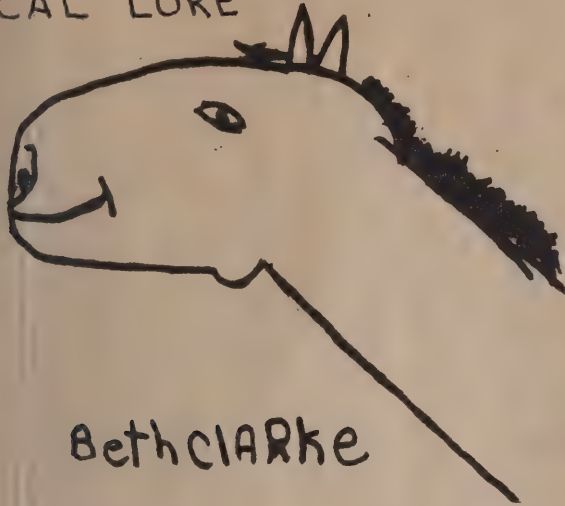
Barbara J. Tryon

### A GOOD BLUEBIRD NESTING BOX DESIGN





## LOCAL LORE



Beth Clarke

### A FEW ODDS AND ENDS

\*\* For those people with a few hay burners out in the backyard, February is the month that you can examine the hay stack and if its just half gone you can breath a sigh of relief and if it's more than half gone you can start to panic. It seems that this year we started feeding hay nearly a month earlier than usual and that runs into an added expense especially when you don't grow your own. I thought a few hay buying tips might be in order. Buying hay is a lot like buying wood. The variables are many. A bale of hay can weight from 15 to 60 lbs. so needless to say a 60 lb. bale that costs \$2.00 is a much better buy than a 15 lb. bale that costs \$1.00. As a rough guideline, the Conn. Farm Bulletin estimates that good dairy type hay is worth \$70-\$80 per ton this year.

And what you get in your bale is another question altogether. Just as a cord of punky elm isn't worth as much as a cord of well seasoned oak, a bale of August cut wild grass hay isn't worth as much as a bale of June cut grass-legume mix hay. Generally speaking there is twice as much protein in a bale of hay that was cut in June than in one cut in even mid-late July. As grasses mature, their feed value dwindles. If the hay is lacking in bright green color it is lacking specifically in Vitamin A but chances are many of the other volatile vitamins are gone too. If the hay got rained on in the field when it was nearly cured, you can chop its nutritive value in half. All this adds up to your spending more money on grain to maintain your animals if you don't buy good hay.

\*\*Many people who are concerned with a totally 'organic' garden have asked about using the chicken manure that is available from the Otis Poultry Farm. I don't know exactly what they feed their chickens and I don't think an analysis has been done to determine exactly how much residue is in the manure. I have only read about one documented study from the Institute of Biological Husbandry Research in Switzerland where they found that up to 90% of the antibiodics administered to chickens passes over into the fresh manure. That manure when applied fresh to the fields adversely affected plant growth and residues were found in the plants. When they properly composted the manure (that means it smells like clean dirt when through, not like working manure) the antibiotic levels were reduced by about 80%.

\*\*And for all those woodsplitters of the human type I'd like to pass along a helpful hint that was passed along to us from a Vermonter. For me the annoying part of splitting wood is the way the log falls over after you've taken a swing at it. There are many gadgets advertised in the country magazines designed to help with this. We find that a used tire, preferably one of the wide race car types, is the best solution to the problem. You just set as much wood as you can stuff on end in the tire and start swinging until it's all split. We haven't broken a maul handle or dulled the splitting edge on the maul as often using this method. It is especially good for people with kitchen cook stoves as that wood can be tedious to split. The tires are available free in town at the tire centers.

Susan Sellew, Rawson Brook Farm



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## WINTER SOLUTIONS



Winter has been much in the news in recent weeks. In North America and in Europe, storms and extreme cold have caused hardships as to make people, as a species, wish we had never left the tropical islands of our origins. Whether our reasons were recent, historical, or evolutionary, many of us did settle here in the Berkshires. Here we live side by side with hundreds of other species of animals. Some are birds and mammals which are warm-blooded like us and must maintain a high body temperature in order to stay alive. Others are insects and amphibians, whose body temperatures can vary greatly with the Berkshire weather. Insects can even stand to be partially frozen and thawed out again with no ill effects.

Among the birds and mammals, our closer relatives, there are several approaches to winter survival. The simplest, and one which is employed by many Berkshire human beings, is migration. Many birds, some bats, and a large group of our summer residents simply leave these frozen hills and head for warmer horizons in the fall. Another solution is hibernation. Not many human beings try this, physically, though we may be able to identify a sort of psychological hibernation in ourselves during the meanest days of winter. The mammals which truly hibernate are the ones which go into a sort of trance or coma for the winter. All their bodily processes slow down, and for the most part they do not stir again until warm weather returns. The deep sleepers in this area are chipmunks, woodchucks and bats.

In the fall, woodchucks put on a thick layer of fat which serves both as insulation and as stored energy reserves. During its four or five months of dormancy the woodchuck eats nothing, and when it emerges in the spring it may have lost half its body weight. During this long fast, its breathing slows, its pulse becomes faint, and its temperature drops to 43 to 57°F. It hibernates in a secure burrow, usually alone, and cannot be waked by touch or by sound. If the temperature in the burrow should drop drastically, for some reason, the woodchuck will waken slightly and speed up its breathing and heartbeat enough to keep its body temperature from dropping any lower. This uses up its fat reserves but saves it from freezing.

Northern chipmunks, like many New Englanders, prepare for winter by storing the autumn harvest. The naturalist John Burroughs once contributed a great deal of food to one chipmunk larder over the space of three days. In that time, the chipmunk took five quarts of hickory nuts, two quarts of chestnuts and some shelled corn. After this, the chipmunk took no more, apparently satisfied that it had enough for the winter. During hibernation, chipmunks rouse themselves from time to time to nibble on their stores. Then they return to their deep, slow sleep.

To many people, the word "hibernation" conjures up the image of the sleepy bears of childhood. Although a bear becomes drowsy in the fall and sleeps for most of the winter, he is not a true hibernator. Like the raccoon, skunk and opossum, he maintains a normal body temperature and his breathing is only slightly slower than normal. Female bears certainly do not sleep through the winter since this is when the cubs are born. They emerge from the den in the spring and spend several months as a family when their mother. In the following winter they are likely to den together again. Polar bears make similar seasonal distinctions, even in their frozen habitat, with the 700-pound mothers giving birth to little two-pound cubs in snug ice caves in the middle of winter.

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## Winter Solutions (Cont. from Page 14)

Seasonal adaptation is careful and intricate in any species, whether it means getting the woollens out of mothballs; flying to Tierra del Fuego, entering an unconscious state, or just staying indoors. Late February is a time of seasonal change-over, however, and many sleepers are waking. Those birds and mammals which have been up and about all winter, conserving their energy for the activities necessary for individual survival, are feeling the stirrings of other interests related to valentines and procreation. Once again by one ingenious method or another, most of us have made it through the winter.

Bonner McAllester



photograph by Eleanor Kimberley

### THOUGHTS ON A WINTER MORNING

I yearn for the dawn of springtime  
When the apple buds unfold,  
And the first song of the bluebird  
Brings a happiness untold;  
When the robin sings at daybreak  
And the sun sends its warm rays;  
And my heart is filled with longing  
For the joyous springtime days.

Eleanor Kimberley

polaris ★



Big Dipper

### WHERE IS NORTH?

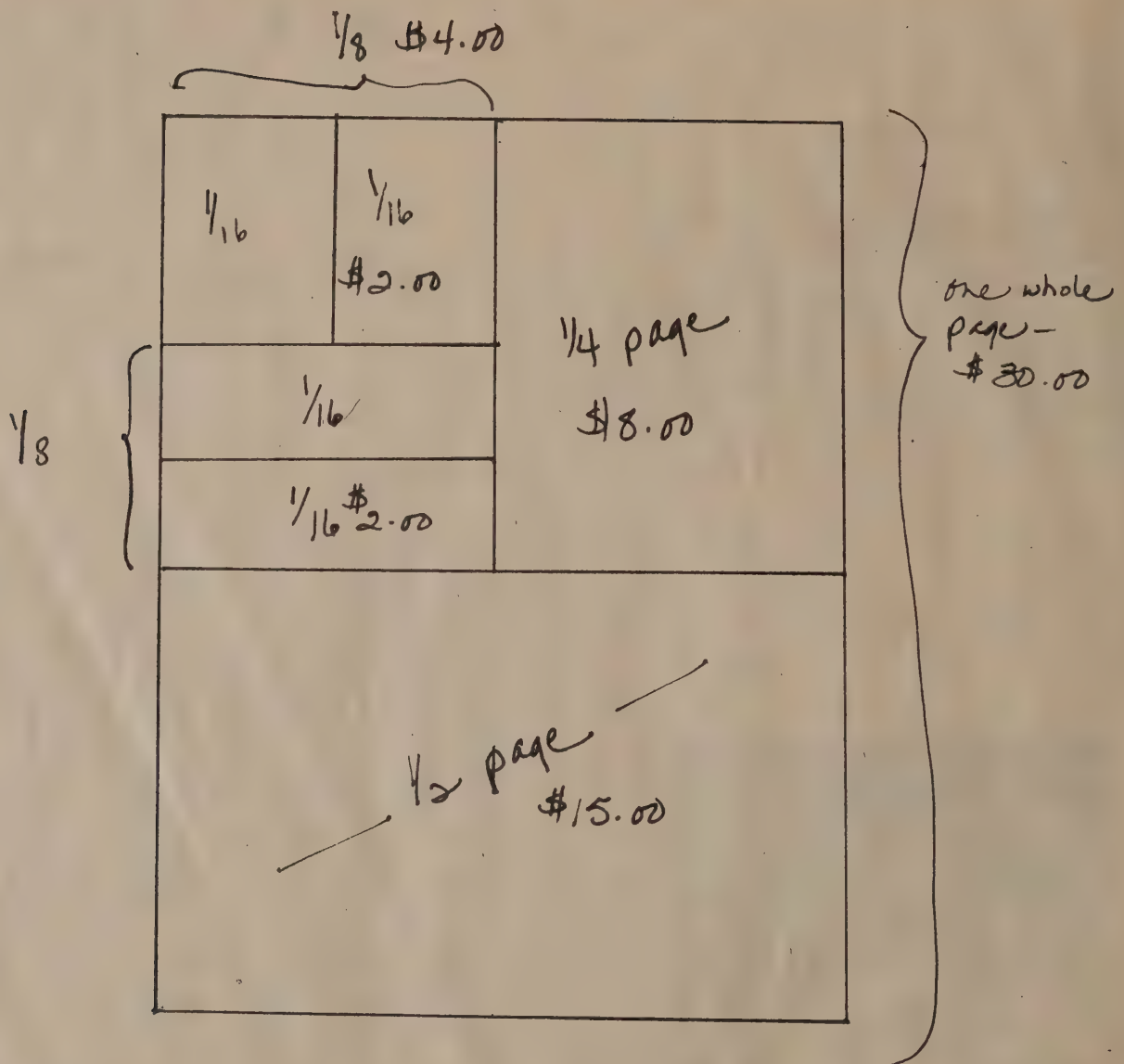
Polaris, the Pole Star, tells you where to find North. But how do you find Polaris? You begin on a sunny day and wait for noon. Find an open area, because you'll want to star-gaze from that particular location. Face into the sun and let it warm your face for a minute; then open your eyes and locate a landmark, tree, house, telephone pole, as close as possible below the sun: that's South. Stretch out your arms as if to make a snow-angel. On your left is East - try to find another landmark. On your right is West - again look for a marker. Turn all the way around and align yourself with your shadow. With luck you'll find another landmark due North. And there you have it: "North a little to the right of what's-his-name's chimney, South about where the pole with the transformer is, West towards the old maple, East where no-namie hill rises."

Now wait for the first clear night and return to the same spot. To the South-West (to the right of your southern marker) is old friend Orion, and he'll move a little further West each night (remember the four-minute-earlier-star-rise each night). Turn around and Polaris will be a little above what's-his-name's chimney (and stay there throughout the year). It is not a very bright star, but if what's-his-name's house isn't too close to where you stand, the Big Dipper will be lower than Polaris and on your right, to the East. And since you know Orion, you won't confuse him with the Big Dipper as some people do.

Louli McIntosh



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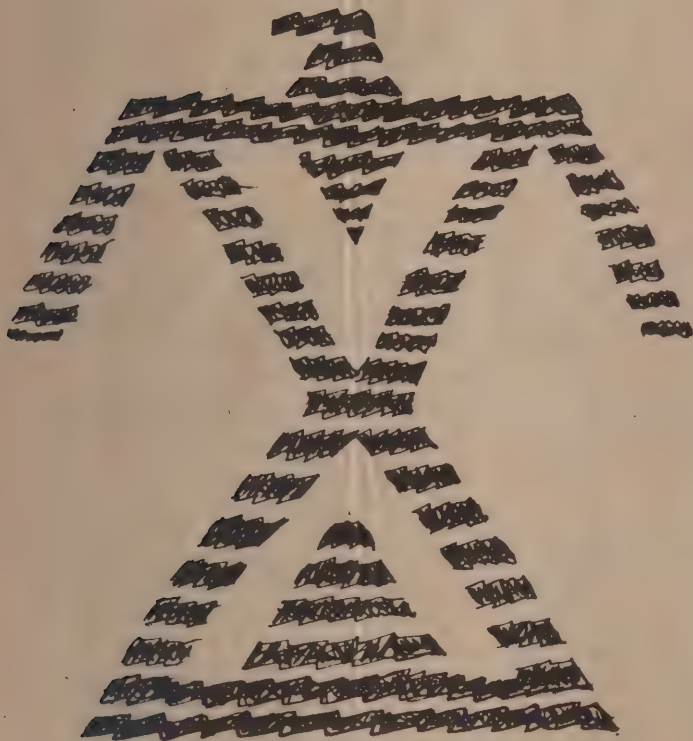
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#### Historical Notes: Daily Life of the Mahican Indians

The Muhekaneok had engaged in active trading with the Dutch since a trading post was established at Albany in 1614. Beaver fur from our streams doubtless found its way to the traders and thence to Europe where it was felted and made into hats of irresistible lustre. The vogue of these hats in London and Paris had a profound effect on American history: as beavers reached near extinction here, great fur companies pursued the western exploration of the continent and France and England courted Indians as guides, trappers and political allies in the competition for wealth and, eventually, empire. Deerskins were also shipped to Europe by the hundreds of thousands but not for fancy dress; they made durable trousers, for 18th century working men.

Here is Electa Jones' description of Mahican dress based on Captain Hendrick Aupaumut's History of the Muhekaneok: "The women wore the full sack, as it would now be called, and the broadcloth

skirt trimmed with strips of scarlet or other colors, where cheapness was desired, but often with ribbons of various hues making a border a foot in depth. Gaiters were worn on the feet and a beaver hat on the head. The aged wore it plain, but the young, beside a wreath of flowers, added ribbons of different patterns tied around the crown and left to hang upon the back and shoulders, contrasting gaily with their jetty locks and russet faces. A small Dutch blanket was also tied about the neck; an article of dress common to both sexes."

The men often carried a pipe and tobacco bag slung over the back. If they were like those of other eastern tribes they were of gleaming otter fur or of beautifully tanned buckskin decorated with beads, dyed porcupine quill embroidery, or both.

Their houses were A-frame or quonset-shaped, built of long poles and covered with several layers of mats in the winter and with finely scraped and smoothed birch or chestnut bark in the summer. The interior was lined with mats, often finely designed. The sachem Umpachene's house in the north part of Sheffield was described as being 60 yards long. Let us imagine such an interior as the scene of a deer sacrifice as described by the Mahican historian, Aupaumut.

Like other Indian tribes, the eastern hunters made frequent offerings of veneration and appreciation to the plants and animals on which they depended for food. At the deer sacrifice the hunter would ask a priest to officiate at a ceremony thanking the Great Spirit for his success. The deer was quartered and the meat was covered by the skin in the center of the lodge. The priest would pray: "Oh Great Spirit, pity us; grant us food to eat, give us good and comfortable sleep, preserve us from being devoured by the fowl that fly in the air. This deer is given in token that we acknowledge Thee the giver of all things."

The hunter would then give the priest a string of wampum and prepare a feast of the deer meat for all who were assembled. He would boil the meat and serve it to his guests but would take none for himself. The skin and other parts were presented afterwards to poor widows in the settlement.






### Intersection--Routes 23 and 57

Monterey Police Chief Doug Lyman reports that a State Department of Public Works investigation, conducted at the intersection of routes 23 and 57 has resulted in the installation of yet another sign. This one, a black arrow on a yellow field, directing motorists to the right as they approach Route 23 on Route 57. Its purpose is to prevent them from running onto the traffic island at the intersection, which, according to Police Chief Lyman, they do with regularity. Until further measures can be taken, which may be a while from now, he advises extreme caution when approaching the intersection from Route 57.

Chief Lyman also commended the Monterey road crew for a fine job of road-clearing despite the consistently inclement weather this winter. He said the low accident rate this winter, "about one a month, all minor fender-benders", is a credit to John Fields and his crew of plowers, salters and sanders.



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### Democratic Caucus Elects Delegate

Eighteen registered Monterey Democrats attended a Caucus on February 6. Fred Lancome was elected delegate to the State Party meeting to nominate candidates for Governor. There were 17 votes to nominate Fred Lancome and Anne-Marie O'Connell (Alternate), who said they intended to support Dukakis.

### TOWN NEWS

#### Public Hearing: Alcohol License for General Store

The Monterey Board of Selectmen will hold a public hearing on the request for an all-alcoholic Retail Package Goods license for Monterey General Store, Inc. Hearing will take place on Monday, March 8, 1982, at 7:30 p.m. at the Selectmen's Office.

### Selectmen

An emergency measure signed by Monterey's Selectmen and Finance Committee members has ensured that our roads will continue to be plowed despite the fact that the \$32,000 budgeted for this winter's snow removal had been spent by the end of January.

The necessary funds will be drawn from the town's general expense fund, with the overage to be recouped in taxes next year.

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## Monterey Energy Project Report

The next free film showing will be Thurs. Feb. 18th at 7:30 in the social room of the Church: Ruth Stout's Garden is the life of a woman who developed a unique "no-dig-no-work" method of gardening which is also ecologically perfect. (23 Minutes).

Also, The Danube, a travelogue of the valley of the Danube - tracing the history of the region and the people who live there.

The Monterey Library has sponsored these films - the Energy Project has shown them. We are trying to find some old feature films to show. We would appreciate any information or suggestions along these lines.

The Monterey Energy Project has received a letter from the energy office in Boston informing us that a survey we had done on the dam site behind the General Store will be followed up by a consulting firm from New Hampshire to assess its potential for generating hydroelectric power.

Ellen Pearson was contacted by Peter Currier of Colebrook for information on forming a weatherization co-op in Winsted Conn. She referred them to CET in Pittsfield which has coop information on file and which has been of great help to the Monterey Energy Coop. Ellen may later also speak to a meeting of the Winsted Steering Committee.

## School News (Cont. from Page 5 )

New Marlborough Central School is participating in the Labels for Education program. This program will allow our school to obtain much-needed audio-visual and athletic equipment - reference books and teaching aids, free of charge.....and you can help.

The program is sponsored by the Campbell Soup Company and it works this way: From now until March 12th, our students will be collecting labels from:

Cambell's Condensed Soups  
Campbell's Soup for One Soups  
"V-8" Cocktail Vegetable Juice  
Swanson Canned Food Products  
Campbell's Chunky Soups, Bean Products, Tomato Juice  
Franco-American Products  
All Swanson Frozen Foods

Won't you please join this worthwhile effort?



## Berkshire Agricultural Association

An association of growers and consumers has been meeting periodically to determine ways to make connections between local growers and buyers. Realizing that there are few small growers in the area, the group has decided its best function will be to serve as an information exchange among the growers as well as a clearing house for information about where to get what in the way of agricultural products.

The next meeting will be March 2 at St. James Church, Great Barrington. The topic will be Selecting Seeds. Interested parties should call 528-4355 for more information.

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## Playgroup by Children's Health Program

In past years Children's Health Program has sponsored playgroups in Monterey for children under 5. At present there are playgroups sponsored by CHP in neighboring towns but none in Monterey. Administrators at CHP have been curious to know whether Monterey parents would be interested in a playgroup in town. The group runs for 2 hours and the only requirement is that the parent remain with the child for the duration.

CHP can pay a person to coordinate and run the group and will provide training and assistance as well as toys and art materials.

Anybody interested in seeing what CHP playgroups are like can visit the New Marlborough group in the Mill River Schoolhouse on Tuesdays from 12:15 until 2:15. For more information call CHP at 528 9311.

The Monterey News appreciates the contributions of pictures, poetry and prose by 5th + 6th graders at the Mt. Everett Regional School.

Thank you!

### My Self

I think I'm like yellow,  
In a way,  
And sometimes even mellow.  
But also like rain,  
Soft and gentle.  
And sometimes loud,  
Like a thunder storm.  
I'm a rabbit too,  
Fast moving but smooth.  
I'm also a skyscraper,  
Tall and new.  
And a rainbow,  
Bright and cheery,  
There's so many things,  
I think I am.....

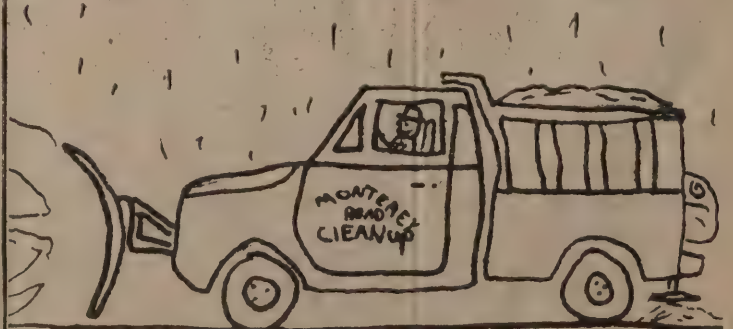
Susan Carpenter  
Grade 6  
Mt. Everett School



Harold Crine puts finishing touch on Rt 23

### Kudos to the Road Crew

Road Crew Superintendant John Fields says this has been "some winter". For many glazed Montereyans the bleakest moment of all came on February 3, a day when rains, thaws and freezes had conspired to make town roads a network of unnegotiable ice. Wheels spun hopelessly, automobiles whirled at the lightest touch of a toe, abandoned vehicles sat at funny angles in ditches all over town. Jan Lanoue put on her golf shoes with cleats and strode purposefully out to do chores. Everybody else waited for the sander. The only things moving in a straight line were the incorporeals, among them sound and light. Rumors flew back and forth across town along the telephone lines: The sander was stuck. When the sander is stuck, what hope have we? John Fields reports that it took four hours, a grader and a mechanic to retrieve the sander from a ditch on Beartown Road. Tony Reed has oft recounted the horrors of sanding steep icy roads. You have to back with infinite exactitude into your own sand to maintain traction. It's hard to see around behind the mammoth body of the sander, and the job takes courage. By February 4, Monterey roads were back in business. Bravo, all.



drawing by Jan Peck, Mt. Everett School



## PERSONALS

The New Year is usually portrayed by an appealing little imp. To our delight a lively little cherub (a little granddaughter) appeared on January 1st. Her name is Julia Caitlin Craven. Her parents have already enrolled her in Meadow Lark Camp and we all look forward to having her with us.

Hedy and Eric Craven

A baby daughter, Alexis Ann, was born to Bob and Mary Ann Brown on January 21.

Virgil and Elisabeth Stucker had a daughter, Heidi Elisabeth, at the Birth Center in Pittsfield on January 14.

Arnie Hayes has been playing in a Dixieland Jazz Band called the Royal Garden Jazz Band which is now playing at the Greenrock Country Club every other Friday night. Next performance, Feb. 26.

A son, David Alexander, was born to Paul and Rose Ann Zerra at Dr. Incao's birthing cottage in Philmont, N.Y. on January 27.

Elmer (Ed) Morris died on February 1 after a brief illness. The funeral was held in Monterey United Church of Christ by Dr. Virgil V. Brallier. His wife, Jean, is continuing in Monterey. Children from Otis, Connecticut and Ohio were present.

Mrs. Eleanor Ives Johnson Morgan recently died after a long illness. She had been living in Florida. Her family has roots in Monterey. Her father, Dr. Nathan Ives founded Fernway Camp, now called Camp Shalom. Her sister Alice Whitestone lives in Florida but continues to call Monterey her summer home. Her daughter Barbara Johnson Kuhm now lives in Seattle Washington with her husband and three children.

Louis Mensi of Sylvan Road died Jan. 6 at Fairview Hospital.

Marie Downs Hunter, formerly a resident of Monterey, died Jan. 5 in Northampton. She will be buried in Corashire Cemetery in the spring.

Mabel Andrus, mother of Tom Andrus of Monterey, died Jan. 30 at Fairview Hospital.

Donald Halley of Ottawa, Canada and Lake Farm in Monterey died after a short illness in January. The funeral was held in Ottawa and was attended by all the family including his son Paul who shared also in the ownership of Lake Farm. In the short time Donald lived in Monterey he nevertheless endeared himself to many.

Mildred Roberts of Homestead, Florida died on January 25. Her funeral was held on January 29 by Dr. Virgil Brallier. Mrs. Roberts had lived earlier in Richmond and Pittsfield. Also present was her daughter, Mrs. Dorothy Mundell who lives partly in Monterey and partly in Homestead. Likewise was her granddaughter Beverly Fybe who lives regularly in Monterey.

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*Thanks to Nancy Beach  
and Dede Cummings for help  
with layout and graphics on  
this extra large issue of the  
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The Editor*

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It has been a policy of the Monterey News not to print anonymous letters. An exception is made for the letter below which expresses a concern voiced by several townspeople.

We will print only signed letters from now on.

Letter to the Editor:

To whoever is in charge:

I want to let you know how shocked I was to see the article on the front page of the last issue. The article I refer to is re: the bulletin board.

Such charges are ridiculous! I immediately called Ray Tryon and asked him about it. He didn't say much and by his not saying anything I am sure there is more to the story than your reported printed.

My wife and I have had work done by Ray for all the 22 years we have lived here in Monterey. We have never had a problem with him. He is honest, reliable and GOOD. That alone explains why he is too busy to do everything that comes up. As he explained to me, he had never been asked to do it anyway. Is the man supposed to be a mind reader in addition to everything else he does.

And where did it say anything about all the work he does for the town in the capacity of Fire Chief? How about the new fire house he and his hard working group are attempting to erect?

Apologies are certainly in order. And once again, I can only say how sorry I was to read the article. I wish it had been lost in the mail. Surely your reporter will check the facts before printing anything like that again.

A disappointed reader.

I'm upset but I still want to include a small contribution to the paper which is sometimes correct in what they print. It's fun, at any rate.

A sound blow struck against flippant journalism. We count on our readers to keep us straight. Honestly, there was no harm intended.

The Editors

Simon's Rock College, Gt. Barrington  
(8:00 Fridays, 7:00 Sundays) (\$1.00-Adults, \$.50-Children)

Feb. 19 & 21 - Film: "Triumph of the Will" and "To Sir With Love".

March 7 - Film: "Forbidden Games" and "The Fall of the House of Usher".

March 12 & 14- Film: "Citizen Kane" and "Dog Day Afternoon".

Berkshire Athenaeum, Pittsfield (FREE)

Feb. 23 (Part II)"Gone With the Wind" (1939), Clark Gable, Vivien Leigh.

Mar. 2 - Music: "Music of Latin America" Edward Flower, guitar/Gladys Flower, vocals.

Mar. 9 - Film: "Grand Illusion"(1937) Erich Von Stroheim, Jean Gabin; Jean Renoir, Director.

Mar. 16- Dance: Excepts from "Coppelia" Berkshire Ballet, Madeline Cantarella Culpo, Director.

Country Dances: Mountain Laurel Band

--Sat. Feb. 27, 8:00 Grange Hall, Sheffield, Penelope Nauman calling

--Sat. Mar. 18, Sheffield Grange, Joe Baker calling

--Fri. March 19, 8:30, 1st Church Congregational, Pittsfield, Joe Baker calling.

--Sat. Mar. 27, Sheffield Grange, Joe Baker calling

--Sat. Feb. 20, Sheffield Grange, Hootenanny.

Performers and Listeners Welcome.

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Monterey Reporters and Correspondents:

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